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SUBJECT: NAMIBIA: SHIPANGA'S PLANNED VISIT TO US

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1. EMBASSY SHOULD INFORM SHIPANGA THAT WE CANNOT ASSIST
HIM IN HIS PLANNED VISIT TO THE UNITED STATES. YOU MAY
EXPLAIN TO HIM THAT IT IS ESSENTIAL THAT THE USG'S ROLE
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IN NAMIBIA'S TRANSITION BE AN IMPARTIAL ONE, FAVORING
NO NAMIBIAN POLITICAL PARTY OR GROUP.

2. SHOULD SHIPANGA RAISE QUESTION OF CONTACT GROUP
FINANCING OF SWAPO TRAVEL, EMBASSY SHOULD INFORM HIM THAT
SUCH FUNDING WAS SOLELY FOR PURPOSE OF FACILITATING
SWAPO'S ATTENDANCE AT CONTACT GROUP-SPONSORED

NEGOTIATING SESSIONS. WE HAVE NOT PAID FOR ANY OTHER SWAPO TRAVEL, INCLUDING THAT TO APRIL'S SPECIAL UNGA SESSION ON NAMIBIA AND THE JULY MEETING OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL.

3. IN THE EVENT SHIPANGA VISITS US, DEPARTMENT OFFICERS ARE FULLY WILLING TO MEET WITH HIM AS WE ARE WITH REPRESENTATIVES OF ALL NAMIBIAN POLITICAL GROUPS.

4. YOU SHOULD KNOW THAT WE ASKED COUNCIL ON FOREIGN RELATIONS ABOUT CFR INVITATION TO SHIPANGA. WE WERE TOLD INFORMALLY THAT CFR HAD IN FACT NOT RPT NOT INVITED SHIPANGA, AND THAT IF THEY SHOULD IN FUTURE DO SO, THEY WOULD PROBABLY FEEL COMPELLED TO INVITE SAM NUJOMA AS WELL. VANCE

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